

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CHARLOTTE DIVISION  
3:05-cr-00103-RJC

USA

vs.

RAHEEM WILLIAMS,

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ORDER

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**THIS MATTER** is before the Court upon motion of the defendant, pro se, requesting that the Court reduce his sentence. (Doc. No. 461).

The defendant states that he has learned and lost a great deal while incarcerated and seeks clemency so he can return to help his family. The circumstances noted by the defendant are not grounds for a reduction by this Court, which has limited authority to alter a sentence once it is imposed.<sup>1</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c); Fed. R. Crim. P. 35. Clemency is a matter for the President to grant. See Cavazos v. Smith, 132 S. Ct. 2, 7 (2011) (clemency is “a prerogative granted to executive authorities to help ensure that justice is tempered by mercy.”

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the defendant’s motion (Doc. No. 461) is **DENIED**.

Signed: August 18, 2015



Robert J. Conrad, Jr.  
United States District Judge



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<sup>1</sup> Appointed counsel recently filed a notice confirming that the defendant is not eligible for a sentence reduction based on retroactive amendments to the sentencing guidelines. (Doc. No. 436).